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Letter dated 27 December 2012 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004), I have the honour to refer to paragraph 9 of resolution 1977 (2011) and to transmit herewith the review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for 2012.

I would appreciate it if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council and have them circulated as a document of the Council.

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Review of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for 2012

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 1540 (2004), the Security Council expressed its intention to monitor closely the implementation of the resolution and, at the appropriate level, to take further decisions towards the more effective undertaking of that task. On 20 April 2011, the Council, noting that the full implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by all States was a long-term task, unanimously adopted resolution 1977 (2011) extending the mandate of the Committee for 10 years. The Council decided that there would be annual reviews, prepared with the assistance of a group of experts, which would act under the direction and purview of the Committee in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1977 (2011), before the end of each December. The present review, which derives from paragraph 9 of resolution 1977 (2011), reflects the status of States' implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and their efforts at outreach, dialogue, assistance and cooperation, as well as other activities relevant to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012.

2. In consultation with the Committee and in accordance with resolutions 1977 (2011) and 2055 (2012), a group of nine experts was established by the Secretary-General (see S/2012/585).

II. Methodology

3. The annual review for 2012 is in two parts. The first part is a factual summary of activities in the areas of implementation; assistance; cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations; and transparency and outreach. The second part is an assessment of progress and future perspectives and is analytical, and includes a forward-looking perspective. Drawing, inter alia, on the recommendations of the annual review of 2011, the present review assesses progress in the implementation of the priorities set out in resolution 1540 (2004) with a view to exploring additional measures in this regard. It also draws upon the information submitted by the Committee to the Security Council in order to identify effective practices and raise awareness of future challenges. The outreach events are listed in annex I, including those attended by the Chair, members or experts of the Committee. Annex II shows the events for which formal invitations were received but which were not attended by the aforementioned individuals.

III. Progress and achievements

A. Monitoring and national implementation

4. In 2012, the Committee continued the facilitation and monitoring of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States. A review of certain Committee matrices has been conducted by the experts on the basis of additional information submitted by States. The matrices represent a valuable tool for the general examination of information on the status of implementation by States of resolution

1540 (2004). The Committee's working group on monitoring and national implementation agreed that modification of the template for the matrix form was desirable in order to improve it and make it, inter alia, more user-friendly.

5. In 2012, one more State, the Congo, submitted its first report on the steps it had taken towards the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), bringing the total number of national implementation reports submitted by States to 169. Twenty-four Member States have yet to make their first submission. In this regard, the Committee and its experts continued to engage the non-reporting States on an individual and multilateral basis.

6. The Security Council, in its resolution 1977 (2011), encouraged States to provide additional information on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including, voluntarily, on their effective practices. In 2012, six States (Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, Serbia and Slovenia) provided additional information.

7. The Security Council, in its resolution 1977 (2011), also encouraged States to prepare, on a voluntary basis, national implementation action plans that mapped out their priorities and plans for implementing key provisions of resolution 1540 (2004). In 2012, two States, Serbia and Belarus, submitted their national action plans, bringing to six the number of such plans received by the Committee. The plan of Serbia was posted on the website of the Committee with its consent. Kyrgyzstan prepared a draft action plan which was discussed with the experts of the Committee. A number of States announced their intent to prepare action plans as well.

8. The Security Council, in its resolution 1977 (2011), recognized the importance of the active engagement and dialogue of the Committee with States on their implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including through visits at the invitation of the States. In addition to the visit to the United States of America conducted in September 2011, the experts of the Committee, accompanied by a representative of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, participated in a follow-up visit to Atlanta, United States of America. In 2012, in response to invitations received from Albania, the Congo and Madagascar, the Committee conducted visits to those States. Experts participated in country-specific activities on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) with Belarus, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. In 2012, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan held their national round tables, with the participation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). Throughout 2012, the Committee continued to interact with States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to promote, inter alia, the sharing of experiences, lessons learned and effective practices.

9. During the reporting period, Bahrain informed the Committee that, in order to meet several obligations related to resolution 1540 (2004), it had adopted decree No. 1 (2011) concerning the establishment of the Supreme Energy Commission, and decision No. 5 (2011) concerning the formation of a national commission for the prohibition of chemical weapons. Serbia reported on the adoption in 2011 of a framework law on the prohibition of the development, production and stockpiling of bacteriological (biological) and toxin weapons and on their destruction. Serbia also reported on its adoption in 2011 of a new control list on dual-use items. Slovenia reported that an act amending the criminal procedure code had entered into force

regarding illicit production and trafficking of arms, explosives and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear materials.

B. Assistance and capacity-building

10. The Committee continued to discuss, including in its working group on assistance, the following main areas for potential progress: improving assistance procedures; identifying and analysing assistance needs; furthering the dialogue on assistance with relevant international, regional, subregional and, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations; strengthening the ability of the Committee and its experts to facilitate assistance; and increasing awareness of assistance issues. The facilitation of "matchmaking" between assistance requests and offers was the focus of the Committee's activities, and the experts regularly briefed the Committee on those efforts.

11. In 2012, the Committee received official requests for assistance from the Congo (included in its first national report) and Mexico, as well as from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). In a continuous effort to keep the list of requests up to date and in line with the 2010 revised procedures for assistance requests, the Committee sent follow-up letters to several assistance requestors which included information received from potential assistance providers. The Committee took note of the response of Japan to the assistance request submitted by Mexico.

12. In fulfilling its clearing house function in a transparent manner, the Committee posted on its website requests for assistance from 38 Member States and from two subregional organizations, as well as offers of assistance from 46 Member States and a number of international, regional and subregional organizations or entities.

13. With the objective of facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by matching offers and requests for assistance, the Committee and its experts continued and intensified the dialogue with the Working Group of the Group of Eight Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction on the consolidated list of assistance requests. On the occasion of five Working Group meetings in 2012, the Committee and its experts invited members and participating international organizations to consider the assistance requests submitted to the Committee and to provide feedback to it. In the context of those meetings, the experts briefed the Global Partnership members on the status of the assistance requests and presented possible matchmaking options with a view to facilitating the delivery of assistance related to resolution 1540 (2004) in a timely and effective manner.

14. Furthermore, in accordance with the matchmaking role of the Committee, its experts continued consultations with officials from numerous States, in particular on existing and new assistance requests.

15. During the 2012 visits to Albania, the Congo and Madagascar, a Committee member and experts discussed, inter alia, assistance needs and possibilities with national entities. The visits to States allowed for intensive dialogues with national entities and proved to be effective in better identifying and analysing assistance needs.

16. Furthermore, during country-specific activities and other outreach events, the Committee experts also regularly discussed assistance matters and raised awareness of the clearing house role of the Committee.

17. Committee experts also contributed to regional training and capacity-building workshops, for example, at the OSCE Border Management Staff College in Tajikistan and at the European Security and Defence College.

18. In 2012, the Committee continued to use and promote the revised guidelines adopted in October 2010 to rationalize, improve and accelerate the response to assistance requests and to facilitate matchmaking.

19. In the context of its dialogue on assistance with States and relevant international, regional, subregional and, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations, the Committee continued to follow discussions on new trends in assistance. The Chair welcomed the assistance activity in a statement at the workshop entitled "Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004): innovative approaches to capacity-building and assistance", held in Warsaw, which was organized by the Government of Poland in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

20. The Security Council, in its resolution 1977 (2011), encouraged meetings on assistance issues, with the participation of the Committee, among States prepared to offer assistance, States requesting assistance, other interested States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations. Preparations have been made for a conference set to take place in early 2013, which will be hosted by the Government of France and organized in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs. The aim is to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by addressing important matters related to assistance.

21. Saudi Arabia expressed willingness to continue to work with the Committee, including through financial support for specific projects, which will effectively contribute to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States. In this regard, Saudi Arabia pledged $500,000 for such activities.

22. The Government of the United States provided an additional $1.5 million to the Trust Fund for Global and Regional Disarmament Activities, bringing its total contribution to $4.5 million to support efforts to facilitate universal implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

23. The European Union is currently in the process of finalizing a European Council decision in support of resolution 1540 (2004).

C. Cooperation with other organizations and entities

24. With the support of the experts, the Committee continued its cooperation with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and other entities and arrangements. It also continued its interaction in that area with academic institutions, civil society and representatives of the private sector, as appropriate.

25. A workshop entitled "Building new synergies on nuclear security" was held in New Delhi on 30 November and 1 December 2012. It was organized by India in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs. Participants at the workshop included representatives of all countries represented on the Security Council

(current as well as new incoming members), the Office for Disarmament Affairs, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), representatives of the Committee and representatives of the chairs of the three Nuclear Security Summits. Discussions at the workshop were substantive and focused on building new synergies on nuclear security.

Cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations

26. The Coordinator of the working group on cooperation with international organizations, including the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1373 (2001), discussed with the Committee experts possible options for the development of a Committee strategy on engaging international, regional and subregional organizations and other entities.

27. Interaction with relevant international, regional and subregional organizations and other intergovernmental institutions and arrangements, in particular those possessing non-proliferation expertise, continued to contribute to the effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by strengthening cooperation through the exchange of information, the sharing of implementation experiences and lessons learned and achieving closer coordination in facilitating assistance to Member States, regional and subregional organizations. It also provided valuable insights into the common needs and priorities of their members and helped to deliver assistance related to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

28. The Committee intensified its collaboration with IAEA in the area of nuclear security through various events, such as a topical meeting on nuclear security support centres and a meeting on nuclear security information exchange, both held in Austria, at the initiative of IAEA. The Committee also intensified its collaboration with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, including through participation in the International Meeting on Chemical Safety and Security held in Tarnow, Poland. The Committee also continued cooperation with the Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit, including on the development of a national implementation guide for the Convention, supported by the European Union Joint Action in support of the Convention, and implemented by the Office for Disarmament Affairs (Geneva branch).

29. In 2012, the Committee and its experts participated in five meetings of the Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group. The Committee and the Working Group continued to support the shared goal of preventing by any means non-State actors from developing, acquiring, manufacturing, possessing, transporting, transferring or using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their delivery systems. The Chair of the Committee briefed the Working Group in Stockholm, sharing information on the current status of assistance requests and affirming the Committee's interest in constant dialogue with the Working Group on all issues related to assistance and capacity-building. In November 2012, the Committee provided an informal paper for the Global Partnership on opportunities for collaboration between the Global Partnership and the 1540 Committee.

30. The Committee and its experts continued to cooperate on a regular basis with other partners, such as the World Organization for Animal Health, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Financial Action Task Force, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, the

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organization and the World Health Organization. In 2012, INTERPOL formally provided the Committee with its point of contact.

31. During the reporting period, regional and subregional organizations continued to play an important role in enhancing the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The Organization of American States cooperated in running a seminar for the States of the Andean region held in Bogota, and collaborated with States from Latin America, such as Mexico, on the development of their implementation workplans. CARICOM promoted the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) in the region through continuous dialogue, and liaised with the Committee experts on possible joint activities, such as visits to States at their invitation. OSCE also facilitated the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by OSCE-participating States through various activities. Committee experts, together with the OSCE, directly assisted several OSCE-participating States in the preparation of their voluntary national action plans. OSCE also shared with the Committee point-of-contact information for 44 of its participating States, in accordance with its decision 19/11 entitled "Points of contact on UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)" adopted in December 2011. OSCE also organized in Vienna, with the support of the Office for Disarmament Affairs, a round-table meeting on coordination needs and practices related to resolution 1540 (2004) in February 2012 attended by 12 international and regional organizations and entities.

32. The CARICOM regional coordinator, the Central American Integration System project coordinator and the OSCE adviser for issues related to resolution 1540 (2004) have also played a role in maintaining contact with the Committee experts and in sharing information on a regular basis.

33. The dialogue on resolution 1540 (2004) with the African Union has been further facilitated by the designation of a point of contact by that organization as submitted to the Committee in August 2011. In this context, a workshop on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) for African States, hosted by the Government of South Africa, in collaboration with the African Union and supported by the Office for Disarmament Affairs, on 21 and 22 November 2012, constituted an important opportunity to explore means of further facilitating the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including the role of the African Union therein. The workshop was attended by the Chair, Committee members and experts.

34. In order to promote the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee experts interacted on several occasions with other subregional organizations, such as the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development.

35. The Committee and its experts participated in several activities, including activities organized by the European Union, the Presidency of the Group of Eight Global Partnership, IAEA, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, during which the "centre of excellence" concept was discussed, as well as their contribution to the effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States. The Committee was also informed of developments in the context of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence project of the European Union.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

36. The Committee experts were involved, as a Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force entity, in the preparation of the September 2012 high-level meeting on countering nuclear terrorism, convened by the Secretary-General and organized by the Task Force. The Committee experts also benefited from various interactions and the sharing of information with the Task Force, including on upcoming activities of common interest, such as those conducted in the framework of the Working Groups on Preventing and Responding to Weapons of Mass Destruction Attacks and on Border Management related to Counter-Terrorism.

37. The Committee continued to cooperate with the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011), resolution 1373 (2001) and resolution 1988 (2011), and their experts, including through joint or coordinated outreach activities.

Civil society and the private sector

38. In its resolution 1540 (2004), the implementation of which is the responsibility of States, the Security Council called upon all States to develop appropriate ways to work with and inform industry and the public regarding their obligations emanating from the resolution. In 2012, in accordance with resolution 1977 (2011), the Committee and its experts continued to reach out to industry and the public to generate wider awareness of the requirements of resolution 1540 (2004) and to facilitate its effective implementation.

39. In this regard, the Committee participated in the Conference of International, Regional, and Subregional Industry Associations on resolution 1540 (2004) hosted by Germany in Wiesbaden, in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs, paving the way to follow up steps of the process, launched in Wiesbaden, that would result in increased interactions and activities in order to engage such professional associations in support of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States.

40. Members and experts of the Committee also participated in the Non-proliferation and Disarmament Conference, organized in Brussels by the European Union Non-proliferation Consortium, that gathered a significant number of representatives from civil society, in particular from a wide network of more than 50 research centres of the Consortium. The Committee and its experts participated in other outreach events organized or attended by civil society.

D. Transparency and outreach

41. Transparency is an essential principle guiding the work and activities of the Committee, helping to enhance confidence, foster greater cooperation and raise the awareness of States; relevant international, regional and subregional organizations; civil society; and the private sector regarding issues relevant to resolution 1540 (2004), which facilitates the implementation of the resolution by States.

42. Transparency was enhanced through maintenance of the Committee's website, which continued to serve as an important medium for public awareness regarding issues relevant to resolution 1540 (2004). In accordance with resolution 1977 (2011), the Committee continued to institute transparency measures and activities, including by making the fullest possible use of its website.

43. With support from the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Department of Public Information, the work of redesigning of the Committee website, which was initiated in 2011, was accomplished by April 2012. On 11 April, the Office for Disarmament Affairs launched the redesigned website of the Committee: www.un.org/sc/1540. The upgraded website offers new elements that render it more user-friendly, informative and interactive. The content of the site is now organized according to the four main areas of the Committee's work: implementation; assistance; cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations; and transparency and outreach. In 2012, the website was updated regularly. Multimedia resources allow users to find a variety of sources for information on the work and activities of the Committee.

44. Outreach is one of the aspects of transparency, and its purpose is to utilize, methodically and efficiently, United Nations and Committee resources to reach wider, targeted audiences. In 2012, the Chair of the Committee participated in 7 events, Committee members in 8 events and the experts in 46 events.

45. An awareness-raising and outreach event, supported and hosted by Saudi Arabia, was held in New York in December 2012. On that occasion the Secretary-General made an address dedicated to the importance of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The Chair of the Committee and the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs made statements in the same vein at the event.

46. Media outreach is important to raise public awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) and subsequent resolutions 1673 (2006), 1810 (2008), 1977 (2011) and 2055 (2012). In 2012, there were six United Nations press releases and briefings on, inter alia, events listed in annex I in relation to those resolutions. In this regard, the United Nations University organized, in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs, an event entitled "United Nations Security Council resolution 1540: a look at the 1540 Committee, its new mandate and efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors", which was held on 20 January 2012 in New York. The event was attended by the Committee Chair, and experts, international and regional organizations, civil society and the general public as well as the media. The Committee noted with interest the launch of a new publication, "1540 Compass", focused specifically on the practical implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). The electronic journal is published by the Center for International Trade and Security of the University of Georgia (United States) in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs. The Chair of the Committee thanked the journal's editing team for the initiative and welcomed their support.

47. In 2012, the Committee continued sharing experiences by posting on its website information notes on outreach events attended by its representatives in order to increase transparency, raise awareness and facilitate implementation.

IV. Assessment of progress and future perspectives

A. Assessment of progress

48. In 2012, the Committee made progress in enhancing its engagement with Member States on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1540 (2004)

and 1977 (2011), guided by the established principles of transparency, equal treatment, cooperation and consistency in its approach.

49. Progress has been recorded by the Committee on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States. One State has submitted a first report, while six States have submitted additional information regarding their national implementation of the resolution. States have shared with the Committee information on effective practices and other related matters. Two States have submitted national action plans identifying priorities and plans to implement resolution 1540 (2004), and several States have announced their intention to develop such plans. Encouraging progress has been made in bilateral, tailored dialogue between the Committee and Member States.

50. Further efforts are required in the area of implementation, however, twenty-four Member States have yet to submit their first report to the Committee. In addition, more intensive efforts are needed to encourage the formal submission of voluntary additional information by those States that have already submitted reports. Furthermore, more work remains to be done to promote the sharing of information on effective implementation practices in a more systematic manner.

51. The facilitation of assistance and capacity-building has been a key aspect of the work of the Committee. Despite their commitment to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), some States lack the required legal and regulatory infrastructure, implementation experiences and/or resources to do so. The Committee and its experts have systematically promoted and sustained the clearing house function of the Committee, which is aimed at facilitating matchmaking between requests and offers of assistance. In this context, dialogues with providers of assistance, as well as with States that may need assistance, have been strengthened, resulting in more timely and in-depth discussions in those areas. Visits to States at their invitation have proved to be an effective tool in discussing assistance needs, while meetings with providers of assistance helped get a better understanding of assistance resources and processes.

52. That progress notwithstanding, additional efforts are needed to continue to better facilitate matchmaking. In this regard, a wider dialogue among all parties involved, including through formal correspondence, to foster better understanding of individual States' challenges, priorities and security perceptions and ascertain their needs would impart further momentum to those efforts.

53. In 2012, through continuous and intensified dialogue, the Committee and international, regional and subregional organizations and other entities have further enhanced their cooperation and information sharing on technical assistance and all other issues of relevance to the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). In addition, the Committee has increased its engagement with civil society and the private sector, as appropriate. In accordance with resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1977 (2011), those activities generated wider awareness and discussion of effective practices facilitating the implementation of the resolutions, thereby paving the way for further interactions and activities in support of the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by States.

54. Maintaining and further enhancing the level of cooperation would require a continuation of that dialogue. The nomination of points of contact or coordinators, as called for in resolution 1977 (2011), as well as constant updates by international,

regional and subregional organizations, have facilitated cooperative efforts and have allowed better use of resources offered by those organizations.

55. In 2012, considerable progress was made in enhancing the transparency of the work and achievements of the Committee through, inter alia, posting new information on the redesigned website. The transparent and inclusive approach followed by the Committee has been a key component of the successful promotion of resolution 1540 (2004) and its more effective implementation by States.

56. Ensuring transparency is a constant objective for the Committee. Additional efforts are needed, including an increased interaction between all interested parties, as well as more access to relevant information, as appropriate.

B. Looking ahead

57. Taking into account the recommendations contained in the report submitted to the Security Council on 12 September 2011 (S/2011/579) and building on the status and experience of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), the Committee may consider the following steps:

(a) Update and analyse, on an ongoing basis, the information compiled in the Committee's matrices and all additional information received from States. That would assist in a revision of the Committee's matrices as soon as possible;

(b) Elaborate ideas for a revised and improved matrix template, including by making it more user-friendly. In this regard the working group on monitoring and national implementation tasked the group of experts to provide the Committee with options by the end of February 2013;

(c) Continue to encourage Member States to submit on a voluntary basis additional information on steps they have taken or intend to take, including on effective national practices and voluntary national implementation plans;

(d) Seeking universal reporting by Member States, develop new opportunities for intensive bilateral discussions, including on existing challenges and gaps in the implementation of the resolution. In this regard, focus on a tailored dialogue with Member States which would be conducted, inter alia, through country-specific activities, including discussions with the relevant Permanent Missions to the United Nations and visits to States upon invitation or, if necessary, through formal correspondence, for better understanding of their particular concerns and assistance needs in order to facilitate their implementation tasks. Intensify preparations for meetings on assistance, which aim to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) by addressing important matters in this area, as encouraged in resolution 1977 (2011);

(e) Optimize the efficiency of the Committee's work during its 10-year mandate through its annual programme of work, which includes, as necessary, specific priorities for its work in order to promote the full implementation by States of resolution 1540 (2004) in all its aspects;

(f) Increase efforts to identify assistance needs through dialogues at workshops, bilateral meetings, country-specific activities and other forums; encourage the submission of formal assistance requests; and encourage potential assistance providers to make offers;

(g) Continue to promote visits to States at their invitation and country-specific activities, drawing on the experience gained and lessons learned in order to identify effective practices with a view to developing a compilation thereof, as appropriate;

(h) Develop the Committee's strategy on engaging international, regional and subregional organizations and other entities to facilitate the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004), including on information sharing and exchange of experiences;

(i) Identify relevant activities of international and regional organizations and encourage them to inform the Committee, as appropriate, of the areas in which they are able to provide relevant assistance;

(j) Continue to encourage the designation of points of contact by all relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, and consider establishing a network between them that would include the Committee;

(k) Facilitate cooperation of the Committee with regional coordinators designated by relevant organizations such as CARICOM, OSCE and the Central American Integration System for advancing the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004);

(l) Continue to interact with relevant civil society entities and the private sector with, as appropriate, the consent of their State, on sharing information and experiences with the Committee on activities related to resolution 1540 (2004), in order to help define the parameters of their involvement in the process of its implementation;

(m) Continue to enhance the Committee's communication activities, in particular through its website.

Annex I

Outreach events held in 2012 attended by the Chair, members and/or experts of the Committee

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
Visits to States, at their invitation			
30 January-1 February	Visit to Albania, at its invitation, to discuss the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Albania	Albania
9 February	Additional site visit as a part of the visit to the United States of America	United States	United States
22-24 May	Visit to Madagascar to discuss the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Madagascar	Madagascar
18-21 June	Visit to the Congo to discuss the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Congo	Congo
Other country-specific activities			
5-9 March	Consultation meeting with officials of Kyrgyzstan to establish and coordinate further steps in development of a national action plan	Vienna	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA)
20-21 March	Working meeting on export control legislation, implementation of the Firearms Protocol and Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) and a panel meeting on the current status of the national action plan on resolution 1540 (2004)	Chisinau	Government of the Republic of Moldova and OSCE, support from ODA, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the European Union/Federal Office of Economics and Export Control
26-30 March	Consultation meeting with officials of Belarus to establish and coordinate further steps in the development of a national action plan	Vienna	OSCE and ODA

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
12 June	National round table meeting on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Skopje	Government of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Conflict Prevention Center of OSCE in cooperation with ODA
3 October	National round table meeting on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Podgorica	Government of Montenegro and the Conflict Prevention Center of OSCE in cooperation with ODA
26 June	Technical meeting on the implementation of the Biological Weapons Convention and Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Quito	United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean of UNODA and the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre, in cooperation with the Ministry of Defense of Ecuador
23-24 October	National round table meeting on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Dushanbe	Government of Tajikistan and the Conflict Prevention Center of OSCE in cooperation with ODA
Other outreach activities			
20 January	United Nations University event entitled "United Nations Security Council resolution 1540: a look at the 1540 Committee, its new mandate and efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-State actors"	New York	United Nations University in cooperation with ODA
24-26 January	Regional workshop on Customs procedures and licensing issuance: integrating the national processing of dual-use goods and conventional weapons through information sharing	Valletta	OSCE with the support of ODA
24-25 January	Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group meeting	Washington, D.C.	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight and the Global Partnership Working Group

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
30 January-3 February	European Security and Defence College course on non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems	Brussels	Federal College for Security Studies in Berlin, the Institute for Higher National Defence Studies in Paris and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London
31 January-2 February	Topical meeting entitled "The Nuclear Security Plan 2010-2013: establishment of self-sustaining nuclear security support centres"	Vienna	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
3-4 February	European Union Non-proliferation and Disarmament Conference	Brussels	European Union Non-proliferation Consortium
6 February	Nuclear security information exchange	Vienna	IAEA
7-9 February	The Nineteenth Asian Export Control Seminar	Tokyo	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Centre for Information on Security Trade Controls
15-16 February	Meeting of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force Working Group on Border Management related to Counter-Terrorism	Brussels	Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the World Customs Organization
20-21 February	Round table meeting on Coordination needs and practices related to Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Vienna	OSCE and ODA
20-21 February	Workshop on cooperation between regional and subregional organizations in implementing the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and Security Council resolutions	Cairo	League of Arab States with the support of the UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch
8-9 March	The fourth Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum Intersessional Meeting on Non-proliferation and Disarmament	Sydney, Australia	Governments of Australia and the Philippines

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
12-14 March	Seminar for the States in the Andean region on Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Bogota	Government of Colombia, the Stimson Center and the Stanley Foundation, in cooperation with the Organization of American States and ODA
13-15 March	Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group meeting	Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight and the Global Partnership Working Group
13-15 March	Regional workshop on Customs procedures and licensing issuance: integrating the national processing of dual-use goods and conventional weapons through information sharing	Ashgabat, Turkmenistan	OSCE and ODA
3-7 April	Training on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Dushanbe	OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre together with the OSCE Border Management Staff College and in cooperation with ODA
16 April	The Third International Working Group Discussion "Global Partnership — 2012 and Beyond"	Miami, United States	International Working Group — Landau Network Centro Volta in collaboration with the United States Department of State
17-18 April	Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group meeting	Miami, United States	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight and the Global Partnership Working Group
23-25 April	Conference of International, Regional, and Subregional Industry Associations on Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Wiesbaden, Germany	ODA, in cooperation with the Government of Germany, with funding from the Governments of Norway and the United States and the European Union
1 May	Implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) on the African continent	Washington, D.C.	Stimson Center

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14-15 May	Conference on working with the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence and concrete roles for stakeholders and European Union partners	Brussels	European Union
21 May	Turtle Bay security round table on opportunities to prevent proliferation of conventional weapons	New York	Permanent Missions of Japan, Poland and Turkey to the United Nations, in cooperation with the Stimson Center
22 June	Conference on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence	New York	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the European Union
28-29 August	Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group meeting	Stockholm	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight and the Global Partnership Working Group
13-14 September	Workshop entitled "Science collaboration and security: new chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear challenges and threats reduction programmes beyond 2012"	Cernobbio-Como, Italy	International Working Group — Landau Network Centro Volta, with the contribution of the United States National Nuclear Security Administration and in cooperation with the United States Department of State Bureau of International Security and Non-proliferation
3-4 October	The 11th Meeting of Heads of Special Services, Security Agencies and Law-Enforcement Organizations	Moscow	Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation
9-11 October	Regional workshop on Customs procedures and licensing issuance: integrating the national processing of dual-use goods and conventional weapons through information sharing	Kyiv	OSCE in cooperation with ODA

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22 October	The 4th Meeting of the International Working Group	San Francisco, United States	International Working Group — Landau Network Centro Volta with the contribution of the United States National Nuclear Security Administration and in cooperation with the United States Department of State
23-24 October	Group of Eight Global Partnership Working Group meeting	Livermore, California, United States	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight and the Global Partnership Working Group
8-9 November	International meeting on chemical safety and security	Tarnów	Government of Poland and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in cooperation with the Group of Eight Global Partnership and international partners
14-16 November	Conference on strategic trade controls enforcement	Brussels	World Customs Organization
21-22 November	Workshop on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) for African States	Pretoria	Government of South Africa in collaboration with the African Union, supported by ODA and with the facilitation of the Institute for Security Studies
30 November-1 December	Workshop on building new synergies on nuclear security	New Delhi	Government of India in cooperation with ODA
6-7 December	Workshop on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear and maritime terrorism for ASEAN countries	Bangkok	UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch and the Government of Japan

Annex II

Outreach events held in 2012 not attended by the Chair, members and/or experts of the Committee*

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
24-25 January	Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate stakeholders' coordinating meeting	Abuja	Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, working in cooperation with Nigeria, the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the United Nations Development Programme
8 March	Seminar on combating weapons of mass destruction and terrorism	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	United States Department of Defense Counter-Terrorism Fellowship Program, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies
19 April	International seminar on lessons and prospects of multilateral cooperation on nuclear security and non-proliferation	Moscow	The Russian Centre for Policy Studies in cooperation with the International Science and Technology Centre
22 May	Nuclear security information exchange meeting	Vienna	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
24-26 May	International Conference on Biosafety and Biosecurity	Rabat	Moroccan Biological Safety Association
28-29 May	National round table meeting in support of the preparation of a national implementation action plan	Tashkent	Government of Uzbekistan and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in cooperation with the Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA)
30-31 May	National round table meeting in support of the preparation of a national implementation action plan	Astana	Government of Kazakhstan and OSCE in cooperation with ODA

* The list includes those events for which the Committee received an invitation from the organizers/sponsors, but the Chair, members or the experts of the Committee did not attend. The reasons for non-attendance were varied and included, inter alia, conflict with other events, lack of a speaking role at the event or financial constraints.

Date	*Title*	*Location*	*Organizer/sponsor*
5 June	Pacific Islands Forum Working Group on Counter-Terrorism	Suva	Pacific Islands Forum Working Group in cooperation with the Government of New Zealand
5-6 June	Workshop on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)	Vilnius	Conflict Prevention Centre of OSCE in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and ODA
14-15 June	Annual North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Conference on Weapons of Mass Destruction Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation	Budapest	NATO Weapons of Mass Destruction Centre
21-22 June	Consultations with regional organizations on the Joint Plan of Action for Central Asia for implementation of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force and the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia
28-29 June	International conference on global biosafety and biosecurity	Johannesburg, South Africa	International Federation of Biosafety Associations
28-29 June	International Arab Banking Summit 2012 entitled "The change"	Berlin	Union of Arab Banks in cooperation with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the European Banking Federation and the International Bankers Forum
12-13 July	Workshop entitled "Implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (2004): innovative approaches to capacity-building and assistance"	Warsaw	Government of Poland in cooperation with ODA and the Stimson Center
16-20 July	15th Annual Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering	Brisbane, Australia	Government of Australia

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18 July	Global Partnership Biological Security Sub-working Group	Geneva	United States under its presidency of the Group of Eight Global Partnership against the spread of weapons and materials of mass destruction
16-20 July	Biological Weapons Convention Meeting of Experts	Geneva	Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit
9-10 October	Advanced research workshop on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004) entitled "Political, scientific and technological approaches to the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)"	Chisinau	NATO and the Republic of Moldova
15-19 October	Financial Action Task Force plenary and working group meetings	Paris	Financial Action Task Force
22-24 October	Topical meeting on the implementation of the International Network for Nuclear Security Training and Support Centres	Vienna	IAEA
5-6 November	European Union seminar to promote confidence-building and in support of a process aimed at establishing a zone free of weapons of mass destruction and means of delivery in the Middle East	Brussels	European Union Non-proliferation Consortium with the support of the European Union
6 November	IAEA working-level nuclear security information exchange meeting	Vienna	Office of Nuclear Security of IAEA
21-23 November	Conference entitled "The G-8 Global Partnership: assessment and options for future programming in the fields of nuclear and radiological security"	Moscow	Rosatom and the Group of Eight Global Partnership against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction

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2-4 December	The eleventh Republic of Korea-United Nations Joint Conference on Disarmament and Non-proliferation Issues	Jeju, Republic of Korea	Republic of Korea
3 December	Symposium to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction Programme	Washington, D.C.	United States Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary